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REPORT.

HIGH SCHOOL.

W. H. Knight, teaching,	\$ 1200 00
Myra F. Southworth, teaching,	400 00
T. F. Kelley, care of rooms,	30 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal,	65 00
M. Branley, coal,	41 00
Joseph H. Penniman, fuel,	5 75
John T. Mellus, shavings,	1 05
W. H. Knight, galvanic instruments, &c.,	47 66
P. D. Holbrook & Co., crayons,	1 76
E. Hayward, crayons, &c.,	1 11
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	\$1,793 33

POND SCHOOL.

Sarah L. Barnes, teaching 19 weeks, a \$10,	\$ 190 00
Minnie Palmer, teaching 13 3-5 weeks, a \$10,	136 00
Anna M. Brooks, teaching 5 2-5 weeks, a \$10,	54 00
Rubie Stetson, teaching,	21 00
E. M. Thompson, teaching 38 weeks, a \$8,	304 00
S. Ella Torrey, teaching 38 weeks, a \$8,	304 00
H. H. Dyke, care of house,	3 50
John Sanborn, care of house,	3 00
Frank Thompson, care of house,	2 23
Myron Tilden, care of house,	4 17
W. A. Torrey, care of house,	6 29
Stephen C. McCarty, care of house,	7 50
Stephen C. McCarty, sawing wood,	2 25
Joel F. Sheppard, coal,	86 50
M. Branley, coal and wood,	14 87

H. M. White, coal,	1 60
Joseph Dyer, wood,	4 00
George White, wood,	3 50
Joseph H. Penniman, fuel,	2 70
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms, hooks, &c.,	6 95
E. Hayward, books, crayons, &c.,	6 74
Sarah L. Barnes, repairing clocks,	1 52
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	\$1,166 32

IRONWORKS SCHOOL.

Mary Scollard, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	\$ 304 00
Annie L. Bumpus, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	304 00
Martha Reed, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$10,	380 00
Katie P. Bishop, teaching 24 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	168 00
Katie P. Bishop, teaching 14 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	112 00
B. J. Loring, care of house,	22 00
Charles Allen, care of house,	29 00
Willie Loring, care of house,	2 00
Mary Renn, cleaning house,	7 78
A. H. Mason, care of house,	14 00
Charles Allen, splitting wood,	1 50
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	84 75
Elias Hayward, books and crayons,	4 24
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	\$1,433 27

UNION SCHOOL.

Rebecca H. Holyoke, teaching 36 1-2 weeks, <i>a</i> \$10,	\$ 365 00
Joanna W. Penniman, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	304 00
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	304 00
Victoria P. Wild, teaching 1 week,	10 00
W. W. Mayhew, care of rooms,	24 75
Charles Holbrook, care of rooms,	2 00
Joanna W. Penniman, care of rooms,	9 50
Avis A. Thayer, care of rooms,	15 50
H. Haynes, sawing and splitting wood,	3 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal,	77 00
T. H. Dearing, wood,	7 00
W. W. Mayhew, shavings,	50
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, books, crayons,	3 10
Prorter Brothers, brooms, &c.,	4 85

E. Hayward, books,	84
James S. Holbrook, wood,	8 00
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	\$1,139 04

EAST SCHOOL.

Sarah Allen, teaching 38 weeks, <i>a</i> \$10,	\$ 380 00
John Billings, care of house,	11 40
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	22 00
Joseph Huff, wood,	4 00
Joseph Huff, sawing and splitting wood,	1 00
E. Hayward, books, crayons, &c.,	2 48
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	\$420 88

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Ida F. Paul, teaching 33 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	\$ 264 00
Victoria P. Wild, teaching 2 1-5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$10,	22 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	23 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., broom,	38
Francis H. Thayer, care of house,	12 00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, books for desk,	5 14
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	\$327 02

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Clara E. Thayer, teaching 19 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	\$ 152 00
Ella J. Cothell, teaching 10 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	80 00
Bessie Williams, teaching 8 3-5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	68 80
Edgar W. Wild, care of house,	13 00
Edgar W. Wilder, sawing wood,	1 00
P. D. Holbrook, broom, dipper, crayons, &c.,	1 23
E. Hayward, crayons, &c.,	84
Joseph Huff, wood, sawing and splitting,	33 00
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	\$349 87

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

Flora J. Dyer, teaching 34 2-5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	\$ 240 80
Moses T. Dyer, care of house,	10 00

Josiah W. Thayer, wood,	19 50
Morrill Williams, sawing and packing wood,	6 29
P. D. Holbrook & Co., pail, dipper and broom,	97
E. Hayward, crayons, &c.,	1 20
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	\$278 76

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Rubie M. Stetson, teaching 16 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	\$ 112 00
Nettie Snell, teaching 17 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	136 00
Mary A. Dyer, teaching 5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	35 00
Nettie Snell, care of room,	3 50
Herbert White, care of room,	11 50
M. Branley, coal,	10 38
M. Branley, wood,	3 50
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	20 00
Joseph Dyer, wood,	4 00
Edward Hobart, wood,	3 75
Herbert White, sawing wood,	3 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms and crayons,	1 61
E. Hayward, crayons,	30
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	\$345 04

WEST SCHOOL.

E. A. Turnbull, teaching 19 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	\$ 152 00
Inez A. Penniman, teaching,	59 00
Winnie Palmer, teaching 6 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	48 00
Minnie Brown, teaching 1 week,	8 00
Charles Hunt, care of house,	15 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal,	19 50
S. F. B. Collins, wood,	2 00
James S. Holbrook, wood,	4 00
Charles Hunt, sawing and splitting wood,	2 00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, books for desk,	5 15
H. M. White, broom,	45
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	\$315 10

EXPENDED ON SCHOOL HOUSES,

by order of School Committee.

Samuel W. King, labor and material, Union,	\$ 29 05
American Tablet Co., blackboard, Pond,	8 70
John Sanborn, setting glass, Pond,	1 35
J. Warren Thayer, setting glass, Ironworks,	3 00
W. T. Burrill, setting glass, Ironworks,	3 87
H. A. Berry, labor,	10 56
American Tablet Co., blackboard, Middle street,	4 20
J. W. Thayer, setting glass, Middle street,	3 17
J. W. Thayer, setting glass, South East,	1 00
American Tablet Co., blackboards, South West,	4 00
John Hayward, labor and material,	62 33
American Tablet Co., blackboard, High,	30 00
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	\$161 23

EXPENDED ON SCHOOL HOUSES,

by order of Building Committee.

Asa French, services as Committee, 1869,	\$ 25 00
F. A. Hobart, services as Committee, 1869,	25 00
Gideon Thayer, stone work, South East, 1869,	3 00
Gideon Thayer, stone work, Pond, 1869,	4 50
Edward Hobart, stone work, South,	3 25
J. B. Wood, carting, Pond,	18 17
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	\$78 92

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Seth Mann, 2nd, rent of rooms, Pond,	\$272 50
Noah Torrey, cash paid for key, Pond,	1 00
S. W. Hollis, lamp,	2 40
Thomas B. Stoddard, setting glass, Pond,	14 35
F. B. Parks, grate, &c., Pond,	2 25
A. F. Trufant, clocks, Ironworks,	13 00
Blake & Alden, settees, Ironworks,	12 00
Boston Journal, advertising, Union,	7 00
Procter Brothers, shovel, &c., Union,	2 50
A. S. Morrison, grate, Union,	80
Harwood Brothers, clock, West,	5 15
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	\$332 95

ALMSHOUSE.

Appraisal Feb. 1, 1871,	\$1,750 98
Thomas Penniman, Superintendent,	300 00
Thomas Penniman, cash paid for sundries,	20 38
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	125 36
H. M. White, groceries,	80 39
John S. Fraser, groceries,	34 66
Henry Mann, meat,	53 83
D. N. Hollis, meat,	11 12
Levi W. Hobart, grain,	254 77
S. W. Hollis, Treasurer of School Fund rent,	200 00
J. R. Frasier, standing wood,	41 25
D. E. Penniman, standing grass,	40 00
Ancel Thayer, standing grass,	6 50
Nathan Rosemfeld, dry goods,	13 35
F. B. Parks, stove,	34 00
J. W. Pierce, coffin, &c. for N. Holbrook,	14 00
Jonathan Thayer, sexton for N. H. Holbrook,	4 00
C. S. Williams, clothing,	11 00
Albert W. Dyer, killing hogs, ,	3 50
A. B. Wales, curing ham,	1 20
H. D. Thayer, hay,	7 40
W. H. Bradford, fish,	9 55
G. T. Jones, scraps,	7 95
G. H. Richards, clothing,	2 25
Gardner Brothers, lumber,	2 04
A. J. Harrington, seed potatoes,	2 40
D. P. Hayward, soap,	8 03
Parker & Gannett, grass seed, &c.,	5 92
H. H. Thayer, Ironwork,	21 75
Noah Torrey, medical attendance,	5 00
N. H. Hunt, Overseer,	10 00
Leander Gage, Overseer,	10 00
Eben Denton, Overseer,	10 00
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	\$3,102 58
Appraisal Feb. 1, 1872.	\$1,639,00.
Cash paid Treasurer,	324,98.
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	\$1,963,98.
Cost of poor in Alms house,	\$1,138 60

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Days.
Nehemiah Holbrook,	76	197
*William H. Thayer,	74	365

*Isaac Wild,	55	. . . . .	36-
*Mary O. Littlefield,	54	. . . . .	365
*George W. Hall,	45	. . . . .	254
William H Welch,	16	. . . . .	181
Anna M. Welch,	11	. . . . .	33
George W. Welch,	8	. . . . .	183
Sarah A. Welch,	5	. . . . .	183
Mary E. Welch,	6	. . . . .	17
Lizzie Welch,	1	. . . . .	17
120 Vagrants, . . . . .		. . . . .	132

Total number of days,	2,292
“ “ “ weeks,	327 3-7
Cost of poor each per week,	\$3.48

*Present inmates of Almshouse.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of William Wild,	\$206 50
“ “ “ “ “ Jacob Veazie,	255 10
“ “ “ “ “ Charles E. Thayer,	203 95
“ “ “ “ “ William Kincaide,	193 45
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Mary Goodman,	291 85
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, trans. and expenses of Wm. Kincaide,	31 85
State Reform School, support of Thomas Kenney,	4 79
City of Boston, supplies to George W. Hall,	10 25
“ “ “ “ “ Rachel Nash,	9 25
“ “ Charlestown, supplies to Anna M. Wild,	5 00
Town of Canton, “ “ Catherine Brennan,	27 00
“ “ Stoughton, “ “ Jacob Snow,	20 00
“ “ North Bridgewater, Elbridge G. Snow,	17 00
Laura G. Pierce, care of Mrs. William Thayer,	67 50
Martha H. King, “ “ “ “ “	10 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., goods for Betsey Wild,	33 79
Joseph Huff, wood “ “ “	20 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance for Betsey Wild,	2 25
H. M. White, goods for Mrs. Savil,	19 00
S. F. B. Collins, wood, for Mrs. Savil,	9 00
G. H. & C. Prescott, goods for E. Nightengale,	6 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance for E. Nightengale,	2 25
Procter Brothers, goods for Mrs. Crowell,	59 87
Procter Brothers, goods for Mrs. Packard,	37 00
A. J. Bates & Co., goods for Mrs. Warren Dalton,	52 00
A. J. Bates & Co., goods for Margaret Bardell,	3 00
A. J. Bates & Co., goods for Patrick Maguire,	2 00

A. J. Bates & Co., goods for Jane Smith,	13 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal for Jane Smith,	10 80
Edwin L. Curtis, care and support of Sarah E. Woodward, .	60 00
Eben Denton, wood for Jane Smith,	2 50
Eben Denton, wood for Sarah McCormick,	2 50
Eben Denton, sending pauper to State Almshouse,	77
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. William Thayer, .	10 00
Thomas Penniman, use of horse,	10 00
N. H. Hunt, Overseer,	25 00
Leander Gage, "	15 00
Eben Denton, "	15 00
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	\$1,899 81
Due from Town of Milton, . . . \$37.00.	
" " " " Quincy, . . . 60.00.	
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	\$ 97.00
Total cost of poor out of Almshouse,	\$1,802 81

TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Cash paid for board of Joseph S. Foye,	\$135 09
Refunded from his estate, (see Treasurer's account,	

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. H. Hunt, Selectman and Assessor,	\$185 00
Leander Gage, " " "	172 50
Eben Denton, " " "	100 00
David H. Bates, " " "	44 35
Jonathan French, Treasurer,	100 00
Elias Hayward, Clerk,	25 00
A. Mason, School Committee,	25 00
Noah Torrey, " "	25 00
A. S. Morrison, " "	25 00
Henry A. Johnson, School Committe,	25 00
J. Ward Childs, " "	25 00
Fiske Barritt, " "	16 50
T. H. Dearing, " "	5 50

A. Mason, Auditor,	10 00
Edward Hobart, Auditor,	5 00
C. H. Hobart, Auditor,	5 00
Thomas Penniman, Constable,	13 00
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	\$806 85

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Horace Abercrombie, abatement of tax of 1870,	\$21 08
Henry A. Pierce, " "	3 26
Helen F. Stetson, " "	32 03
C. F. Bullock, " 1871,	55 08
Jacob Puffer, " "	13 60
N. H. Tirrell, " "	10 88
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	\$135 93

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Isaac W. May, printing Town and School Reports,	\$105 00
W. F. Brown & Co., printing,	20 00
C. G. Estabrook, printing,	5 00
Charles K. Darling, Collector's Book,	1 12
Hooper, Lewis & Co., stationery,	3 95
Nichols & Hall, "	3 64
P. D. Holbrook & Co., "	87
Elias Hayward, "	12
Eben Denton, "	3 40
Little, Brown & Co., law books,	6 00
Grand Army of the Republic,	150 00
Howard Clock Co., clock for Town Hall,	100 00
Harvey Thayer, damages for defect in highway,	50 00
Procter Brothers, refreshments for firemen,	42 80
E. Hayward, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	44 55
C. B. Woodsum, expressing. 1869, 1870 and 1871,	21 55
Avery & Hobbs, counsel fees in case of J. A. Arnold and others,	10 00
Ira Thayer, posts for Cemetery,	7 14

Thomas Penniman, labor on Cemetery fence, &c.,	8 00
N. H. Hunt, posts and rails, on " "	1 00
N. H. Hunt, postage stamps,	1 00
N. H. Hunt, horse hire and expenses,	10 50
S. S. Whitmarsh, labor on buoy,	4 05
H. M. Willoby, recovering buoy,	2 00
E. R. Flint, labor on Town Pound,	7 00
M. W. Fox, horse hire,	1 50
Jonathan Thayer, returning deaths,	30
Samuel Curtis, " "	2 70
Norton Pratt, witness fees,	3 00
Thomas Penniman, distributing Town Reports,	5 00
E. S. Thayer, stone posts,	2 00
Eben Denton, cash paid for labor on buoy,	1 44
Leander Gage, " " " brush and keys,	1 25
E. L. Curtis, express,	60
James S. Holbrook, witness fees,	1 24
J. P. Drollett, watching fire in woods,	1 00
J. Foord, recording deeds and stamps,	3 50
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	\$632 22

TOWN HALL.

E. M. Thayer, care of Town Hall,	\$36 23
G. F. Bicknell, care of Town Hall,	80 49
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	22 50
J. Loud & Co., coal,	18 00
Joseph H. Penniman, fuel,	2 35
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, &c.,	42 86
F. B. Parks, lamps and labor,	28 70
G. F. Bicknell, washing, &c.,	6 05
F. B. Parks, repairing conductors,	2 25
Thomas Penniman, labor,	1 00
H. H. Thayer, ironwork,	3 55
Thomas B. Stoddard, setting glass,	3 00
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	\$246 98

Cash paid Treasurer,	\$338.00.	
Due from Braintree Band,	30.00.	
Due from Grand Army Republic,	32.00.	
Due from Republican Party,	9.00.	
Due from Braintree Associates,	8.00.	
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	\$417.00.	
Balance in favor of hall,		\$170 02

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Cash paid families of soldiers,	\$1,111 00
Bill due from State for January, 1871,	84 00
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	\$1,295 00
Bills sent and due from State, January 1, 1872,	1,094 00
Cash paid, January, 1872,	101 00
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	\$1,195 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Joseph Huff,	\$13 25
George Hill,	4 00
John Carver,	9 20
Ralph Arnold,	6 98
L. W. Holbrook,	7 80
Michael Branley,	80
Joshua N. Hobart, 1869,	4 50
Amasa Thayer,	4 15
Thomas Penniman,	8 65
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	\$59 33

EXPENDED BY SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS.

Gardner Penniman, labor 205 1-2 days <i>a</i> \$2.50,	\$513 75
Gardiner Penniman, sundries,	5 14
William Taunt, labor 150 3-4 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	301 50
Leonard P. Hunt, labor 131, 1-4 days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	229 67
Andrew Gott, labor 80 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	160 00
Alexander Downey, labor 2 3-4 days, <i>a</i> \$3,	8 25
Thomas Gannon, labor 59 1-4 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	118 50
B. F. Spear, labor 112 1-4 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	224 50
Benjamin Landers, labor 132 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	264 00
Benjamin Landers, axe,	50
Benjamin Landers' boy's work,	50
John Preston, labor 2 days, <i>a</i> \$1.50,	3 00
Moses Hunt, labor 58 3-4 days,	105 32
Robert Saunders, labor 146 3-4 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	293 50
George E. Arnold, labor 146 1-2 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	293 00
William C. Stoddard, labor 150 1-2 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	301 00
William C. Stoddard, shovel,	2 40
Arthur P. Bishop, labor 4 1-2 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	9 00
Patrick Moils, labor 62 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	124 00
Patrick Moils, care of teams,	72 00
Patrick Moils, hay,	29 00
Edward Hobart, labor 3 1-3 days,	10 00
Edward Hobart, labor with horse &c.,	10 85
George W. Hunt, labor 3 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	6 00
Martin Tribou, labor 47 1-2 days,	96 63
William Morrow, labor 58 1-2 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	117 00
William Morrow, care of horses,	2 00
William Morrow, cleaning harnesses,	2 00
Watson Saunders, labor 11 1-2 days,	21 75
Adam W. Hobart, labor,	11 12
S. S. French, labor 1 1-2 days,	3 00
S. S. French, horse and card, 2 1-2 days,	4 50
Daniel Cohen, labor 16 3-4 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	33 25
S. F. B. Collins, gravel,	2 40
Jacob Loud, gravel,	2 20
Stephen Thayer, gravel,	72
Thomas Sullivan, gravel,	2 64
Silas Jones, gravel,	1 68
S. S. Penniman, gravel,	3 44
Eben Denton, gravel and labor,	4 75
N. H. Hunt, gravel,	27 68
John Arnold, gravel,	36 40
Joseph G. Bicknell, gravel,	5 50

S. W. Hollis, gravel,	10 80
B. L. Morrison, gravel,	20 30
Joel F. Sheppard, hay,	14 77
James S. Holbrook, hay,	59 56
J. B. Wood, hay,	19 00
Benjamin Landers, hay,	57 69
Jonathan French, hay,	2 50
Waldo French, hay,	63 62
Joseph Dyer, hay,	70 46
L. W. Hobart, grain,	299 95
Gardner Brothers, lumber,	453 80
Joseph Cushing, oxen,	262 50
George Hill, horse,	50 00
C. B. Woodsum, horse,	137 50
Hiram Jones, horse,	75 00
J. Donovan, horse,	75 00
J. Breck & Son, hames,	2 65
Ames Plow Company, hames,	2 65
Patrick Maguire, collar,	2 50
Patrick Maguire, labor 1 day,	1 75
Henry Abbott, mowing bushes,	8 10
Michael Branley, labor with team,	8 00
Michael Branley, pick,	1 25
Sargent, Mead & Sampson, stone,	25 00
N. M. Hobart, stone,	20 00
Samuel W. King, carpenters work,	142 62
Thomas South, ironwork,	14 10
Robert Gillespie, ironwork,	29 95
H. H. Thayer, ironwork,	7 65
Elisha Wild, ironwork,	44 71
P. D. Holbrook & Co., shovels, nails, spikes, &c.,	17 20
H. M. White, shovels, nails, spikes, &c.,	14 27
M. W. Fox, horse hire,	20 50
Warren Mansfield, ironwork,	4 00
E. Hayward, sulphur,	40
Adam Hobart, labor and powder,	7 65
J. Sampson, use of horse,	1 00
P. O'Connor, collar,	2 40
Robert Bestick, repairing harnesses,	1 00
R. A. Thayer, Ox-cart,	27 50
French & Coffin, collar,	4 90
F. B. Parks, repairing pump,	4 00
Jonathan French, use of horse, &c.,	2 50
Jonathan French, plank,	75
George Mansfield, carting lumber,	1 00

W. Heffernan, repairihg harness,	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Henry Hobart, use of derrick,	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Henry Abbott, hay,	.	.	.	.	.	25 77
S. F. Whitmarsh, painting draw bridge,	.	.	.	.	.	31 02
Jesse Burrill, tendng draw,	.	.	.	.	.	85 00
J. Parker Hayward, labor on fence,	.	.	.	.	.	3 67
Thomas Penniman, use of horse,	.	.	.	.	.	9 20
						<u>\$5,718 15</u>
Cash paid Treasurer from sale of cattle and horses, old plank, &c.,						\$528 25
Cash received for labor around Pond School House,	.	.	.	.	.	8 40
						<u>\$536 65</u>
Cost of labor on Union Street,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,500 00
Cost of labor on Allen Street,	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Cost of Highways and Bridges,	.	.	.	.	.	3,181 50
						<u>\$5,181 50</u>
Total cost,	.	.	.	.	.

PAINTING TOWN HOUSE.

C. E. Folsom, paint and oil,	-	-	-	-	-	\$194 52
C. E. Folsom, varnish,	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., paint,	-	-	-	-	-	22 76
Thomas B. Stoddard, painting,	-	-	-	-	-	321 86
F. B. Parks, labor, zinc, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	9 43
O. C. & N. R., freight on paints and oils,	-	-	-	-	-	1 16
						<u>\$557 23</u>
Paid Treasurer cash received for paint, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	21 10
						<u>\$536 13</u>
Cost of painting Town House,	-	-	-	-	-	

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, POND.

D. H. Bates and others, land,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,254 00
E. B. Flint, Builder,	-	-	-	-	-	8,234 71
Henry Hobart, stone work,	-	-	-	-	-	367 00
J. R. Frasier, labor, lumber. &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	213 50
F. B. Parks, stoves, pipe, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	198 56

Joseph L. Ross, furniture,	-	-	-	-	-	788 60
F. & C. Wilson, underpinning,	-	-	-	-	-	265 40
B. H. Everett, mason work,	-	-	-	-	-	50 87
J. F. Lyons, mason work,	-	-	-	-	-	14 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., lead and oil,	-	-	-	-	-	21 26
T. B. Stoddard, painting,	-	-	-	-	-	41 49
Jechonias Penniman, stone work,	-	-	-	-	-	41 80
Joseph Huff, grading yard,	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Surveyor of Highways, grading yard,	-	-	-	-	-	8 40
Gardner Brothers, lumber,	-	-	-	-	-	13 40
Adam Hobart, labor,	-	-	-	-	-	3 50
Moses Hunt, labor,	-	-	-	-	-	32 00
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freighting,	-	-	-	-	-	10 35
Peter A. Wales, pump,	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
H. H. Thayer, wrench and sharpening picks,	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
Edward Hobart, posts,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Blake & Alden, chairs,	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
C. G. Eastabrook, printing,	-	-	-	-	-	3 87
George Brooks, labor,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Henry W. Simonds, labor,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
						<hr/> \$11,660 21

RECAPITULATION.

High School,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,793 33
Pond School,	-	-	-	-	-	1,166 32
Iron Works School,	-	-	-	-	-	1,433 27
Union School,	-	-	-	-	-	1,139 04
East School,	-	-	-	-	-	420 88
Middle Street School,	-	-	-	-	-	327 02
South East School,	-	-	-	-	-	349 87
South West School,	-	-	-	-	-	278 76
South School,	-	-	-	-	-	345 04
West School,	-	-	-	-	-	315 10
Expended by order of School Committee,	-	-	-	-	-	161 23
Expended by order of Building Committee,	-	-	-	-	-	78 92
Incidental Expenses of Schools,	-	-	-	-	-	332 95
New School House, Pond District,	-	-	-	-	-	11,660 21
Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	-	1,138 60
Poor out of Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	-	1,802 81

Taunton and Lunatic Hospital,	-	-	-	-	-	135 09
Town Officers,	.	.	.	.	.	806 85
Abatement of Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	135 93
Miscellaneous Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	632 22
Town Hall,	-	-	-	-	-	246 98
State Aid,	-	-	-	-	-	1,111 00
Removing Snow,	-	-	-	-	-	59 33
Highways,	-	-	-	-	-	5,181 50
Painting Town House,	-	-	-	-	-	536 13
Cash paid Treasurer and Credits,	-	-	-	-	-	1,396 73

\$32,985 11

Less cash and credits from Town' Hall, \$417.00.

Appraisal at Almshouse less than last year, 111.98.

Cash received from Joseph S. Foye's Estate, 135.09.

\$664.07

\$32,321 04

290 Orders drawn on Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	32,321 04
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ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT.

Schools,	\$6,500 00
Poor,	2,700 00
Highways and Bridges,			3,000 00
Union Street,			.	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
Allen Street,			.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Interest on Town debt,			.	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Painting and Repairing Town house,					.	.	.	800 00
Rown Debt,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Town Officers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Additional appropriation for Pond School-House,					.	.	.	1,500 00
Grand Army Repulic,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	150 00
State Tax,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,475 00
County Tax,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,972 70
Overlay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	563 02

\$29,165 72

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Amount of tax bill of 1871,		\$29,165 72
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$23,028 12	
Cash paid County Treasurer,	1,972 70	\$25,000 82
Due from Collector,		\$4,164 90
Due on tax bill of 1870,		\$826 91

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

JONATHAN FRENCH, TREASURER.

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1871,	\$4,389 84
Cash borrowed of Braintree Savings Bank,	1,500 00
Cash borrowed of Edwin Howard,	900 00
Cash borrowed of Freeman G. Crosby,	2,500 00
Cash received of Noah Torrey, Collector, 1870,	8,021 69
Cash received of Noah Torrey, Collector, 1871,	22,878 12
Cash received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	504 39
Cash received from State Treasurer, School Fund,	276 26
Cash received from State Treasurer, State Aid,	1,489 80
Received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	1,536 81
Received from State Treasurer, Bank tax,	1,723 02
Cash received for use of Town Hall,	338 00
Cash received for use of Town Hall last year,	9 00
Cash received for use of Town Hall, 1869,	15 00
Cash received of Town of Gloucester, due last year,	5 00
Cash received estate of Joseph S. Foye,	135 09
Cash received F. B. Parks,	2 58
Cash received of County Treasurer, dog licenses,	416 46
Cash received Overseers of the Poor,	324 98
Cash received of S. W. Hollis, Treas. of Braintree School Fund,	400 00
Cash received of Surveyor of Highways,	536 65
Cash received of Selectmen, paint,	21 10
	<u>\$41,923 79</u>

Paid 290 orders,	\$32,321 04
Paid National Union Bank, Weymouth,	1,000 00
Paid Edwin Howard,	300 00
Paid Lynn Savings Bank,	2,500 00
Paid F. G. Crosby, interest,	210 00

Paid Joseph Dyer, Jr., interest,	.	.	126 00
Paid Lynn Savings Bank, interest,	.	.	166 25
Paid Edwin Howard, interest,	.	.	19 00
Paid W. A. Richardson, interest,	.	.	700 00
Paid Asa French, interest,	.	.	49 00
Paid Sylvanus Thayer, interest,	.	.	350 00
Paid Minot E. Hunt, interest,	.	.	52 50
Paid Braintree Savings Bank, interest,	.	.	52 50
Paid Leander B. Hollis, interest,	.	.	35 00
Paid M. C. Pratt, interest,	.	.	350 00
Paid Mary H. Thayer, interest,	.	.	35 00
Paid Thomas Penniman, interest,	.	.	14 00
Paid for insurance,	.	.	279 25
Paid State Tax,	.	.	4,475 00
Balance in Treasury,	.	.	4,889 25

\$47,923 79

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND INTEREST.

Sylvanus Thayer, Feb. 1, 1868,	.	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Joseph Dyer, Jr., Oct. 24, 1862,	.	.	.	.	500 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	9 33
Joseph Dyer, January 26, 1866,	.	.	.	.	250 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	26
Joseph Dyer, Jr., February 1, 1871,	.	.	.	.	800 00
W. A. Richardson, July 2, 1869,	.	.	.	.	10,000 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	56 38
M. C. Pratt, December, 1857,	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	58 33
Asa French, Guardian, January 2, 1868,	.	.	.	.	1,400 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	3 00
F. G. Crosby, February 14, 1868,	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	134 56
F. G. Crosby, February 1, 1869,	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
F. G. Crosby, July 3, 1871,	.	.	.	.	2,500 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	101 10
Soldiers' Monument Committee, February 1, 1872,	.	.	.	.	1,984 41
Mary H. Thayer, January 26, 1863,	.	.	.	.	545 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	53
Minot E. Hunt, August 13, 1867,	.	.	.	.	450 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	14 70

Minot E. Hunt, April 30, 1870,	300 00
Interest,	15 75
L. Bradford Hollis, November 24, 1868,	500 00
Interest,	6 52
Thomas Penniman, February 1, 1869,	200 00
Edwin Howard, June 30, 1871,	900 00
Interest,	33 80
Braintree Savings Bank,	1,500 00
Interest,	64 17

\$35,327 84

Due from Noah Torrey, Collector, 1870,	\$826.91.
Due from Noah Torrey, Collector, 1871	4,164.90.
Due from State for State Aid,	1,094.00.
Due from State for State Aid former years,	715.65.
Due from Braintree Band,	30.00.
Due from Grand Army Republic,	32.00.
Due from Republican Party,	9.00.
Due from Braintree Associates,	8.00.
Due from Town of Milton,	67.00.
Due from Town of Quincy,	60.00.
Balance in Treasury,	4,889.25.

\$11,896 71

Town Debt,	\$23,431 13
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BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT.

S. W. HOLLIS, TREASURER.

1871.

DR.

Mar. 3, Cash paid N. L. White, for three years, serving	\$5 00
Mar. 3, Cash paid E. F. E. Thayer,	5 00
Mar. 3, Cash paid J. T. Stevens,	5 00
Mar. 3, Cash paid A. Mason,	5 00
Mar. 3, Cash paid S. A. Bates,	5 00
Mar. 3, Cash paid S. W. Hollis,	15 00
Nov. 15, Tax in Weymouth,	24 27
Nov. 15, Tax in Quincy,	19 36
Nov. 15, Tax in Boston,	4 91

1872.

Feb. 1, Cash paid J. French, Town Treasurer, . .	400 00
Feb. 1, Cash on hand,	265 60
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	\$754 14

1871.

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Oct. , Balance from amount of last year, . .	\$274 14
Oct. , Received dividends from Union National Bank of Weymouth,	140 00
Oct. , Received from Granite Bank of Quincy, . .	110 00
Oct. , Received from Eliot Bank of Boston, . .	30 00

1872.

Feb. 1, Received from the Town for rent of Almshouse and farm,	200 00
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	\$754 14

S. W. HOLLIS, TREASURER.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The Auditing Committee present the foregoing accounts, prepared and properly arranged by the officers whose duty it was to keep them, as truly representing the financial transactions of the past fiscal year and the present indebtedness of the town. Proper vouchers have been shown for all moneys paid out, and all orders drawn on the Treasurer have been paid. With the exception of about two hundred dollars, due on account of the new school house, the Auditors are not aware of any debt due from the town.

It seems to your Committee, that the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, all the officers whose accounts they have examined, have performed the duties of their various offices with fidelity and rare accuracy.

The Committee are informed by the Overseers of the Poor, that Mr. Thomas Penniman, the efficient manager of the Poor House, and his excellent wife, its matron, contemplate resigning their position. This is greatly to be regretted. Such positions are not readily filled by suitable persons. But, if they leave, they will carry with them the "blessings of the poor" and the gratitude and esteem of those who have enjoyed their hospitality.

JOSEPH A. ARNOLD, }
S. W. HOLLIS, } *Auditors.*
ALVERDO MASON, }

Braintree, Feb. 16, 1871.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely : —

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To hear the reports of the several town officers, and act thereon.

3d. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges, the ensuing year.

4th. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

5th. To see if the town will restrain horses and neat cattle from running at large the ensuing year.

6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

7th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as the selectmen may direct.

8th. To see if the town will accept the jury-list as made by the Selectmen.

9th. To see if the town will vote to sell the old school house and lots in Pond district, and determine the manner in which the same shall be done.

10th. To see if the town will vote to purchase three sets of hooks, ladders, and buckets for different parts of the town.

11th. To see if the town will vote to dig a suitable well, and furnish a pump and trough for the accommodation of man and beast, near the hay scales, in South Braintree, the same at or near the hay scales in the north part of the town.

12th. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the same to Gen. S. Thayer Post Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.

13th. To see if the town will vote to pay Levi W. Hobart the sum of one hundred dollars for land in front of his mill on Shaw Street.

14th. To choose and hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant at the usual public places in town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

N. H. HUNT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LEANDER GAGE,	
EBEN DENTON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Braintree.</i>

JURY-LIST.

Revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 15, 1872.

Charles F. Arnold,	N. Morton Hobart,
Barnabas F. Arnold,	Ebenezer F. Howard,
George H. Arnold,	William Hill,
Abijah Allen,	Aaron Holbrook,
James T. Bestick,	Joseph A. Hollis,
Samuel A. Bates,	Joseph Jenkins,
J. Franklin Bates,	John Kimball,
Alexander Bowditch,	George F. Leonard,
Samuel E. Brackett,	R. Elmer Morrison,
John Crane,	Erastus A. Newton,
J. Ward Childs,	Gardner S. Penniman,
John Cavanagh,	Thomas Penniman,
Luther O. Crocker,	Charles Pratt,
Hiram A. French,	Henry A. Pierce,
Charles A. French,	William Reed, Jr,
Samuel S. French,	Thomas Bimmer,
J. Parker Hayward,	Cornelius Scollard,
Moses D. Holbrook,	Henry W. Simonds,
Elias Holbrook,	Elisha S. Thayer,
Charles D. Hayden,	Calvin Thayer,
G. Henry Howard,	Thomas R. Vinton,
J. Webster Hollis,	Rufus Woodsum.

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MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED IN BRAINTREE, FOR THE YEAR 1872.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 1.	Adomiram J. Dyer,	26	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Emma T. Crosby,	23	"	"
9.	Thomas Follon,	26	"	Ireland.
	Adeline E. Mellus,	28	"	Braintree.
17.	John Smith,	21	"	
	Ellen Fleming,	19	"	Ireland.
13.	John Robinson,	20	"	England.
	Mary Willis,	20	"	Boston.
Feb. 18.	Edsel A. Houghton,	25	Weymouth.	Randolph.
	Emily B. Wilde,	24	Braintree.	Braintree.
Mar. 18.	Henry Warren,	27	"	Denmark, Me.
	Nellie Carney,	22	"	Halifax, N. S.
28.	Charles Horne,	26	"	Cape Britain.
	Addie W. Brown,	20	"	Skowhegan, Me.
April 2.	Heman F. Doane,	23	"	Braintree.
	Susan Ann Dailey,	23	"	Brighton.
6.	Charles W. Smith,	24	"	E. Greenwich, R. I.
	Sarah Lund,	27	"	England.
30.	Wallace Ryerson,	20	"	Abington.
	Alice E. Saunders,	17	"	Braintree.
30.	Heman G. Porter,	24	"	"
	Emma F. Thayer,	19	"	"
10.	John Mahar,	45	"	Ireland.
	Margaret Sullivan,	39	"	Ireland.
May 10.	Charles F. Whiting,		Weymouth.	Hingham.
	Edna Howe,		So. Weymouth.	So. Weymouth.
28.	Winslow Hobart,	19	Quincy.	Quincy.
	Harriet A. Cook,	17	Braintree.	Randolph.
28.	David A. Newcomb,	19	Quincy.	Quincy.
	Charlotte F. Rowell,	17	Braintree.	Randolph.
31.	George Avery Alden,	20	"	"
	Elizabeth E. Thayer,	17	"	Braintree.
June 4.	Peter Starr,	22	"	Ireland.
	Mary McDermott,	20	"	Providence, R. I.
5.	Joseph Shaw,	45	"	Ireland.
	Margaret Ness,	44	"	Scotland.
15.	Edward B. Machin,	23	Hillsdale, Ill.	Oneida, N. Y.
	Sarah E. Hollis,	24	Braintree.	Braintree.
21.	Fred L. Check,	25	"	England.
	Lissie A. Whitmarsh,	19	"	Weymouth.
20.	James W. Converse,	27	Boston.	Boston.
	Hattie E. Crickmay,	19	Braintree.	Medford.
July 1.	Francis E. Morrison,	21	Weymouth.	Boston.

	Hattie W. White,	18	"	Weymouth.
2.	Charles M. Hobart,	25	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Addie M. Crowell,	41	"	Easton.
4.	Horace J. Richards,	19	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	Hattie R. Smith,	17	Braintree.	Providence, R. I.
11.	Azel R. French,	25	Canton.	Canton.
	Sarah L. Porter,	22	Braintree.	Braintree.
11.	Samuel A. Willis,	23	"	"
	Clara E. Thayer,	19	"	"
20.	J. Parker Hayward,	26	"	"
	Mary Frances Baxter,	23	Quincy.	Quincy.
Aug. 9.	Francis W. Young,	22	Salem.	Salem.
	Sarah E. Barnes,	18	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
17.	Robert Smith,	25	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Julia Ash,	20	"	New Brunswick.
Sept. 16.	Ira P. Morrison,	29	Braintree.	Ripley, Me.
	Mary S. South,	24	Boston.	Boston.
17.	Jerald McGoerty,	26	Boston.	Ireland.
	Ann Hannigan,	24	Braintree.	Ireland.
24.	N. P. Nutter,	29	W'nsocket, R.I.	Ossipee, N. H.
	M. Louisa Smith,	30	Braintree.	Stoughton.
27.	Samuel L. Holbrook,	70	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Salome Thomas,	50	Pittston, Me.	Pittston, Me.
Oct. 5.	Charles W. Dorety,	22	Braintree.	Boston.
	Ann S. Hayward,	31	"	Braintree.
11.	Samuel W. Belcher,	22	Weymouth.	Randolph.
	Sarah L. Hunt,	19	"	New York City.
10.	William W. Saunders,	23	Braintree.	Brookline.
	Henrietta R. Hinsman,	17	"	Marblehead.
Nov. 29.	Gardner W. Mansfield,	25	"	Boston.
	Josephine A. Churchill,	26	"	Boston.
29.	Henry Hall,	28	Randolph.	No. Bridgewater.
	Mariah Door,	17	"	Concord.
30.	John W. Ratcliffe,	22	Braintree,	Troy, N. Y.
	Christine Dexheimer,	22	"	Milton.
Dec. 6.	William A. Thompson,	24	Weymouth.	Maine.
	Clara P. Stevens,	21	"	Maine.
23.	Joseph Burgess,	38	Braintree.	England.
	Alice Tipping,	27	"	England.
25.	Peter B. Lowson,	22	"	Scotland.
	Susan Jane Kingman,	18	Weymouth.	Weymouth.

DEATHS IN BRAINTREE FOR THE YEAR 1871.

			Years.	Ms	Days.	Disease or cause of Death.
Jan.	5.	William Holbrook,	76	11		Affection of the brain.
	6.	Benjamin L. Arnold,	24	9	21	Consumption.
	9.	Mary M. Vinton,	20	6	12	Consumption.
	20.	James Vanevar,	70			Accidental.
	29.	Orin J. Peverly,		6	2	Lung fever.
	30.	Addie Isabelle Blanchard,		2	25	Consumption.
Feb.	17.	Baker,			20	
	27.	Sarah S. Tower,	60	6		Consumption.
Mar.	21.	Emily A. Tirrell,		7	21	
	25.	William W. Robinson,	34	11	9	Consumption.
	28.	Biancia A. Dyer,	61	1	11	Consumption.
	28.	Mary Hunt,	85			Pleuromonia.
April	8.	Winfred R. Porter,	5	10	7	Croup.
	9.	Henry Francis Howard,	17	9	12	Consumption.
	14.	Lydia Hollis,	83	6	28	Pneumonia.
	14.	Charles Hayward,	78	6	22	Heart disease.
	15.	Mehitabel A. Arnold,	68	11		Consumption.
May	14.	Lottie Ann Dyer,	7	10	28	Croup.
	29.	Arthur L. Wight,	4	6		
	30.	Chambers,				
June	19.	Freddie Warren Trufant,		5	9	Dropsy of brain.
	20.	Mary Styne,	55			Heart disease.
	23.	William McDowell,			2	
July	8.	Brooks,				Stillborn.
	9.	Atherton Wilde,	85			Old age.
	9.	Edward E. Shed,	22	2	22	Consumption.
	17.	James McKay,	39			
	26.	Robert H. Bishop,		9	26	Dyphtheria.
Aug.	5.	Jane Briody,			5	Cholera infantum.
	8.	Annie McGovern,		8		Cholera infantum.
	8.	Penney,				Stillborn.
	9.	Mary A. Dennehy,		4	15	Cholera infantum.
	11.	Fletcher R. Parrott,		8	8	Cholera infantum.
	21.	Mary Slyne,		6	1	Cholera infantum.
	23.	Daniel J. McCue,		4	9	Dyphtheria.
	24.	Benjamin Ryan,	70	8		Consumption.
	24.	Mary Griffin,	1	2	7	Cholera infantum.
	27.	John H. Hollis,	63	7	15	Cancer.
	16.	Nehemiah Holbrook,	76			Gangrene.
Sept.	6.	William H. Willis,	35	6	10	Consumption.
	11.	Alexander Wilson,	11	11		Accidental.
	20.	Mary J. Drinkwater,	20	7	10	Childbirth.
	20.	Drinkwater,				Stillborn.
	27.	Sally Ann D. Richards,	20	10	22	Erysipelas..

		Years.	Ms.	Days.	Disease or cause of Death.
	29. George H. Byed,	4	3		Typhoid fever.
	28. Louis Philip Toby,	1	6		Cholera infantum.
Oct.	7. Edward Lynch,	28			Consumption.
Nov.	6. Fred. Byron Perry,	2	6	19	Croup.
	8. Everand McAlpin,		2	15	Scrofula.
	9. Herbert E. Tirrell,	10	9	14	Typhoid fever.
	14. Elisabeth Morrow,	70			Pneumonia.
	24. Porter,				Stillborn.
Dec.	10. Everline Higby,	79	4	22	Paralysis.
	12. William Dyer,	73	7	17	Pneumonia.
	15. Mary Mullerkey,	34			Neuralgia of Brain.
	20. Abijah N. Penniman,	39	1	8	Pneumonia.
	20. Willis,				Stillborn.
	24. Johanna Gallivan,	44			Cancer.
	25. Sarah Walls,	84	4		Pneumonia.

R E P O R T

OF THE

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OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE,

F O R T H E Y E A R

1871-72.

B O S T O N :

ISAAC W. MAY, PRINTER, 39 STATE STREET.

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1872.

The School Committee of Braintree submit the following Report, as required by the Statutes of the Commonwealth.

R E P O R T .

IN making their annual report, the Committee would take occasion to congratulate the town on the generally promising condition of its schools. No boy or girl in Braintree, your Committee feel sure, need now fail of obtaining an excellent school education for the want of a good school. The Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and High Schools, as at present conducted, would seem to afford all the school facilities those who wish to learn could reasonably ask for.

In looking over the special reports of the different schools, it will be seen there have been some changes in teachers during the past year. To a certain extent there must be changes, but it has been and will continue to be an effort with your Committee that these shall be as few as possible; and they earnestly call upon parents and others interested to second them in this effort. They would not seek to retain an incompetent teacher from mere aversion to change, but they would never resort to changing till such incompetency is fully apparent. The mere

change of a teacher is often sufficient to stop all progress in a school, for a term at least, let alone the chances of the new teacher being no better than the old one.

→ During the year a new schoolhouse has been built in the Pond District on the lot purchased by the town on Washington Street, between Franklin and Tremont Streets, to replace the schoolhouse burnt in September, 1870. The new building has been occupied since the latter part of November, and seems in all respects adapted to the purposes for which it was constructed. The cost of the land and building was a little less than \$12,000, which cannot be regarded large for the property representing it. Your Committee would advise grading and fencing the schoolhouse lot at a moderate expense, not only with the object of completing a work so nearly done, but of preventing encroachments on the premises, and making them more available for school purposes.

The schools have been in session thirty-eight weeks of the past year, being some two weeks longer than usual. Your Committee favor a still longer session of forty weeks, for the reason that this has been fixed upon by those towns where special attention has been given to schools and matters connected therewith, and has been found to work well.

For the number and attendance of scholars, length of terms, and salaries of teachers in the different schools, reference may be had to the schedule appended to the Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS
OF
THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

W. H. KNIGHT, A.M., PRINCIPAL.

MISS M. F. SOUTHWORTH, ASSISTANT.

In the early part of last summer, complaints were made to your Committee of the management of this school, and a change was called for. At the same time there were remonstrances against any change being made. After patiently hearing both parties, your Committee concluded that the grounds of complaint might be removed without any change of teachers, and, so far as can be ascertained, results have proved the soundness of this conclusion.

The present discipline of the school, as well as its moral and intellectual character, seem to be of a high order, and, with a little more effort on the part of parents, teachers, and scholars, your Committee are confident, will be all that can be desired. The exercises examination day certainly made a most favorable impression.

The members of the graduating class were Tellis F. Kelley, W. H. Shaw, John V. Allen, Arthur E. Sproul, Ellen E. Miles, Sarah L. Burnham, and Sarah F. Dow.

POND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MRS. ANN M. BROOKS, TEACHER.

Unfortunately there have been three changes of teachers in this school during the past school year. Miss Barnes left at the close of the summer term on a more tempting offer from the town of Quincy, and Miss Palmer, who was then transferred from the West District to this school, resigned the situation, without giving any satisfactory reason, after filling it for a period of thirteen weeks with general satisfaction. The Committee at once secured the services of Mrs. Brooks, who has continued with the school through the last term with the marked success which has always attended her efforts here.

Your Committee do not hesitate to say that this school with either one of these three teachers through the whole year would have made greater progress.

POND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS E. M. THOMPSON, TEACHER.

The appearance of this school would seem to indicate peculiar faithfulness and aptness on the part of the teacher.

POND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS S. ELLA TORREY, TEACHER.

Your Committee are pleased with the indications of Miss Torrey's ability, as shown by the order and prog-

ress of her little pupils, and hope she will be encouraged to continue her efforts in this difficult position.

EAST SCHOOL.

MISS SARAH ALLEN, TEACHER.

Miss Allen seems to have faithfully discharged her duties in this school during the year, with as favorable results as could be reasonably expected.

IRON WORKS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS MARTHA REED, TEACHER.

Your Committee are confident that no person can become acquainted with this school and not be satisfied that the teacher is earnestly and conscientiously striving to afford her scholars the best instruction possible in the best way, and that she is eminently successful in her efforts. It is to be hoped that the town may long have the benefit of her valuable services.

IRON WORKS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS MARY SCOLLARD, TEACHER.

Miss Scollard continues to discharge the duties of her difficult position with all the success that could reasonably be expected.

IRON WORKS FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS ANNIE L. BUMPUS, TEACHER.

The efforts of the teacher of this school have in no-wise slackened, and the school is steadily progressing

IRON WORKS 2D. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS KATIE P. BISHOP, TEACHER.

The continued efforts of the teacher seem to have been attended with marked progress in this school.

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

MISS IDA F. PAUL, TEACHER.

This teacher seems to have faithfully devoted herself to the interests of the school, and shows a large amount of work well done during the past school year. From the unusually large number present at the examinations, it would seem the parents and friends of the scholars take a special interest in the school. Good progress has been made in the different studies, particularly in geography and arithmetic. The progress in grammar is not so satisfactory.

UNION GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS REBECCA H. HOLYOKE, TEACHER.

At the beginning of the school year, your Committee were under the necessity of selecting a new teacher for this school, and results have shown their

selection to have been most fortunate. The new teacher has wonderfully succeeded in gaining the confidence of her pupils and the respect of their parents, and the recent examinations indicated very satisfactory progress in the different studies, particularly in grammar and in mental and written arithmetic.

Two prizes were offered the school by the teacher, one for deportment and general scholarship, and another for the greatest readiness in correctly adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers as called off by her. The first of these prizes was awarded to Katie Miles, and the latter to George Hobart of the second class.

The offer of these prizes seems to have been attended with good results, which were particularly noticeable in the unusual readiness of the scholars in answering all questions put to them under the first four rules of arithmetic.

The scholars of this school, aided by their teacher, are still striving to secure a piano-forte for the school room. From a fair last fall they realized eighty dollars, which sum they have now increased by subscription to some one hundred and ten dollars. The object of their efforts is so worthy, and, if attained, will add so much to their pleasure and improvement, that it ought not to remain longer unaccomplished. Will not those specially interested in this school see that the necessary amount is made up without delay?

Your Committee cannot dismiss the notice of this

school without expressing the hope that it may continue under the same teacher.

It should be stated that the unusual prevalence of epidemics the past year has caused the average attendance in this and the two schools next noticed to be less than it would otherwise have been.

UNION INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS JOANNA W. PENNIMAN, TEACHER.

The improvement in this school the past year is marked. Everything that has been done seems to have been thoroughly done. A large number was present at the exercises examination day, all of which were of a high order. The singing, declamation, and gymnastics were all excellent, and your Committee are satisfied that none of the outlay for this school has been in vain.

UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS AVIS A. THAYER, TEACHER.

The progress of this school during the past year has been most commendable. The teacher seems to possess rare ability in gaining the confidence of the little ones, and your Committee trust she may long continue in the work she is doing so well. The examination exercises were unusually well attended and very interesting.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

MISS BESSIE WILLIAMS, TEACHER.

Miss Corthell, a graduate of the Normal School, and an excellent scholar, had charge of this school at the beginning of the fall term, and for the last seven weeks of the year the school was in charge of Miss Williams; but still, neither the discipline nor the thoroughness of instruction was what it should have been. Some of the pupils at the examination acquitted themselves very creditably.

WEST SCHOOL.

MISS ELLEN A. TURNBULL, TEACHER.

This school, for the last term under the care of Miss Turnbull, will in many respects compare very favorably with any in town.

The teacher is evidently devoted to her work, and has the best interest of her pupils at heart. The promptness and correctness manifested in the recitations at the close of the term, indicated great thoroughness of instruction. The good order of the school was very noticeable. Not the least interesting feature of the exercises was the singing.

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

MISS FLORA J. DYER, TEACHER.

Miss Dyer had charge of this school during the year, but her efforts in its behalf do not seem to have been attended with the success they deserve.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

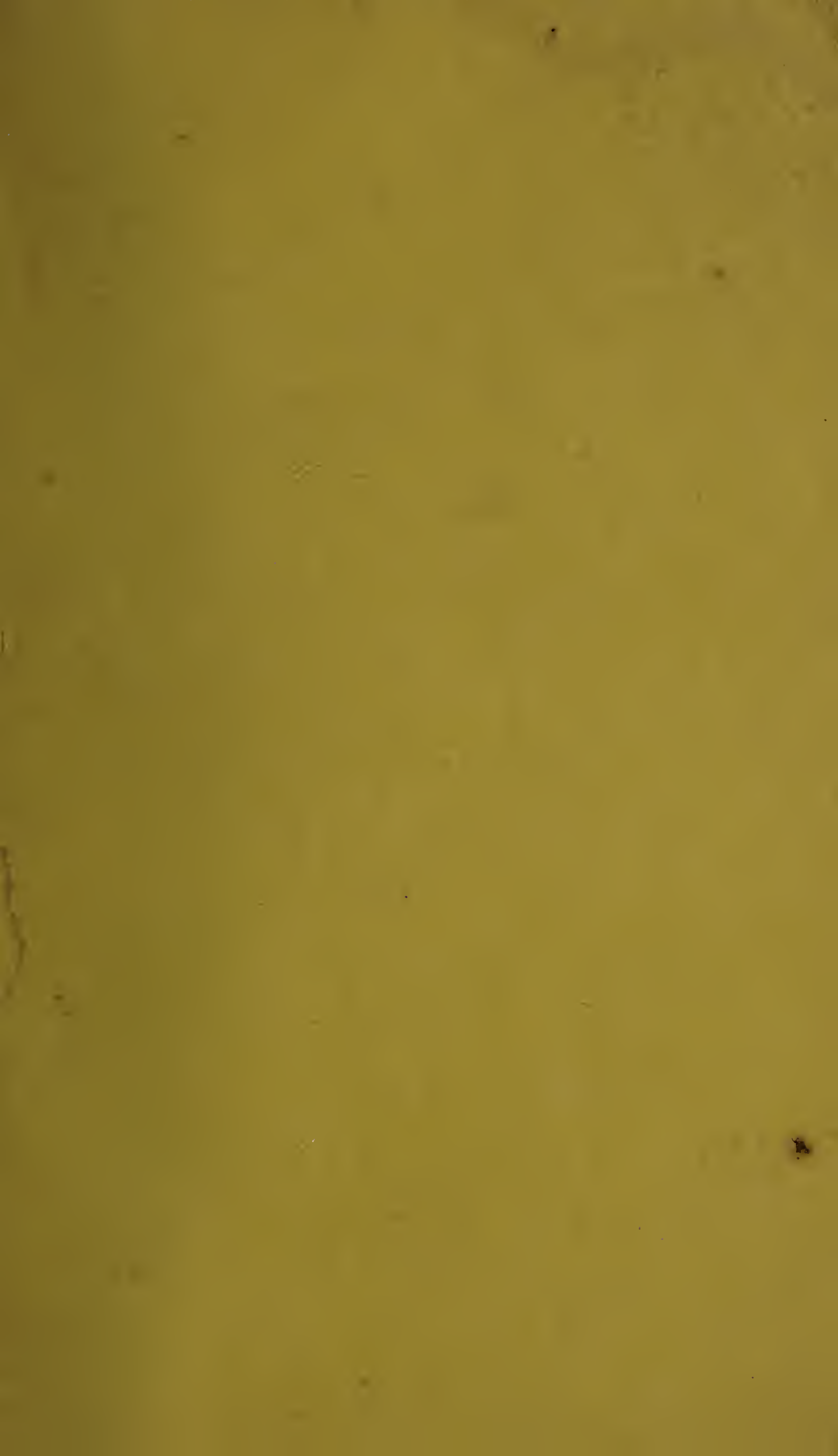
MISS R. M. STETSON, TEACHER.

In this school there have been three changes of teachers during the year. Miss Mary Dyer, after being in charge some three weeks, resigned, and Miss Snell succeeded her for the remainder of the term and three weeks of the next, when she resigned on a better offer from the town of East Randolph. Miss Stetson then took charge of the school and completed the year.

Notwithstanding these changes, your Committee are glad to be able to report the school in good condition both as regards discipline and progress in study.

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